

REMARKS

The claims are claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 to 13, 15, 16, 18, 20 to 23, 25, 26, 28 and 30.

The application has been amended at several locations to correct minor errors in reference numbers.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28 and 30 are amended. Claims 4, 7, 9, 14, 17, 19, 24, 27 and 29 are canceled. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate limitations of canceled claims 4 and 7. Claims 5 and 6 are amended to depend upon claim 1 rather than canceled claim 4. Claim 8 is amended to depend upon claim 1 rather than canceled claim 7. Claim 10 has been amended into independent form. Claim 11 is amended to incorporate limitations of canceled claims 14 and 17. Claims 15 and 16 are amended to depend upon claim 11 rather than canceled claim 14. Claim 18 is amended to depend upon claim 11 rather than canceled claim 17. Claim 20 has been amended into independent form. Claim 21 is amended to incorporate limitations of canceled claims 24 and 27. Claims 25 and 26 are amended to depend upon claim 21 rather than canceled claim 24. Claim 28 is amended to depend upon claim 21 rather than canceled claim 27. Claim 30 has been amended into independent form.

Paragraph 26 of the OFFICE ACTION stated that claims 7, 8, 10, 17, 18, 20, 27, 28 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of their respective base claims and intermediate claims. Claims 1, 11 and 21 now recite the limitations of respective claims 7, 17 and 27 in independent form and are thus allowable. Claims 10, 20 and 30 are amended into independent form including all limitations of their respective base claims and their respective intermediate claims and are thus allowable. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8 are dependent upon allowable claim 1 and are thus allowable. Claims 12, 13, 15, 16

and 18 are dependent upon allowable claim 11 and are thus allowable. Claims 22, 23, 25, 26 and 28 are dependent upon allowable claim 21 and are thus allowable.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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